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# Next generation wings for long range aircraft: hybrid laminar flow control technology drivers

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- Key technologies DLR investigates
  - Inductive heating for wing ice protection
  - Tubeless suction system
  - Aircraft performance assessment
- Summary
- Outlook

# Introduction

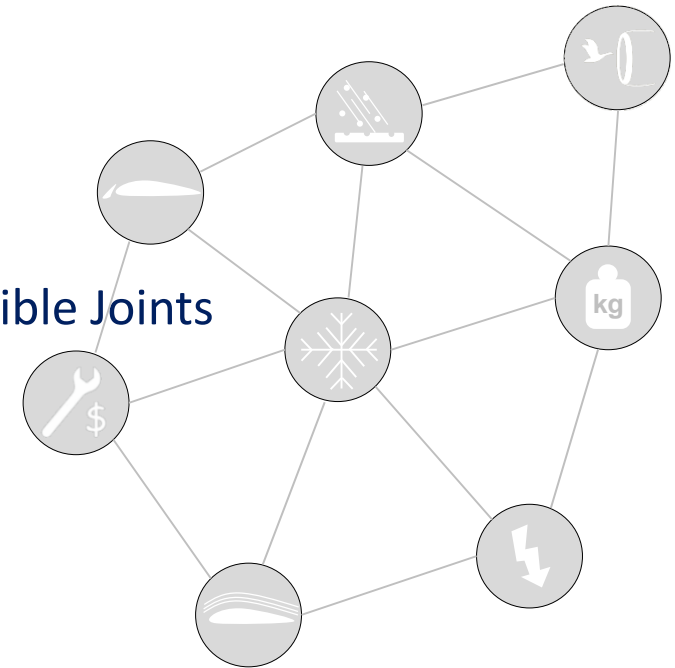
- Why hybrid laminar flow control?
  - Reduced friction drag
  - Reduced block fuel consumption
  - Reduced CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions
- Why hasn't this technology been flying for a long time?
  - High manufacturing cost
  - Integration into the wing leading edge very complex
  - Operational requirements



# Challenges of a HLFC-Leading edge

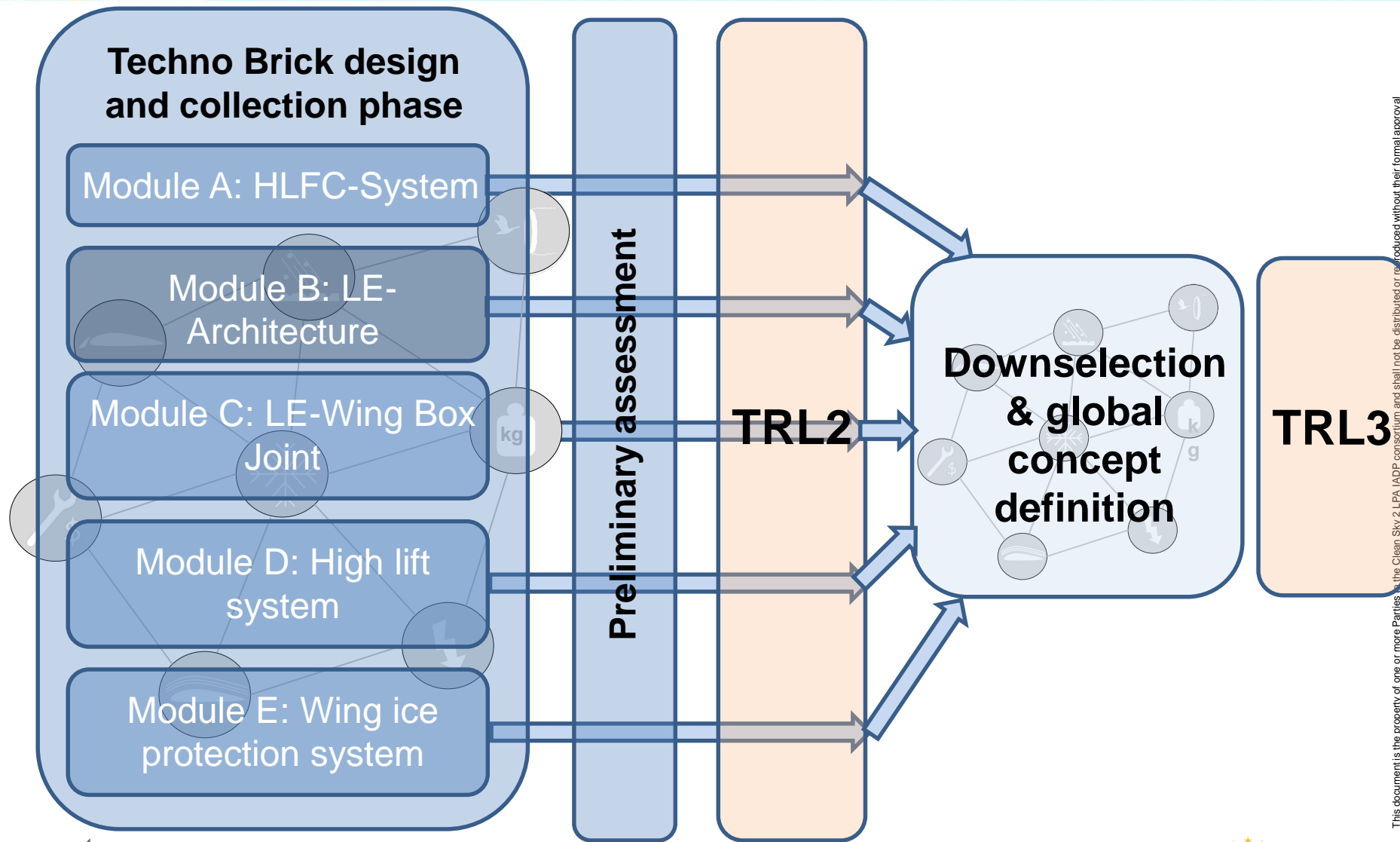
## ■ Requirements

- Light Weight
- Manufacturing Cost
- Wing Integration: High-Lift System
- High Surface Quality & Laminar Compatible Joints
- Maintenance & Repair (Accessibility)
- Bird Strike Protection
- Ice Protection
- Erosion Protection
- Lightning Strike Protection
- ...

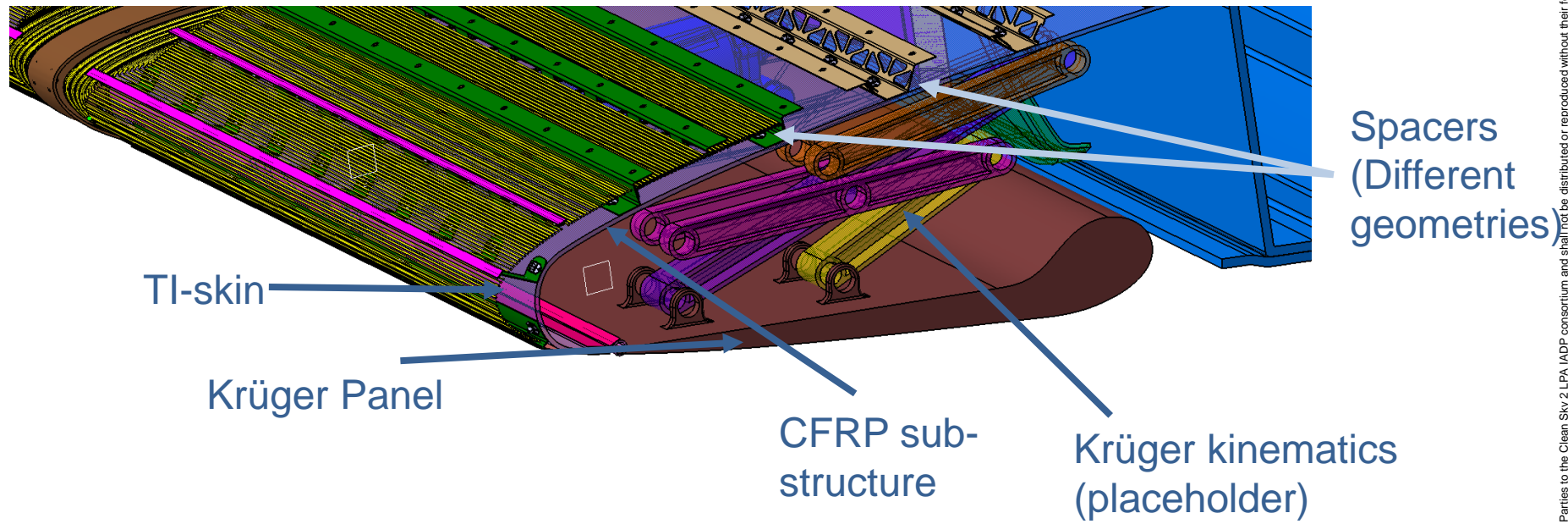


**-> Multi-physics interdisciplinary design required**

# Actual project status



# General concept overview





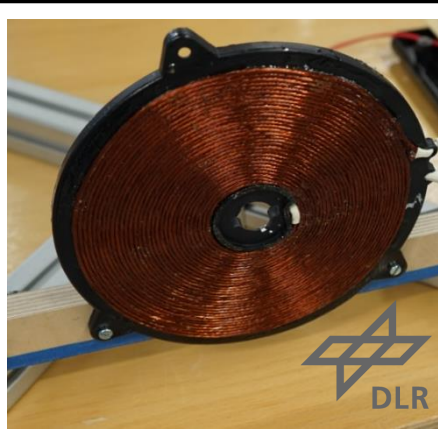


# Key technologies: Inductive heating

- Common wing ice protection systems
  - Hot-air (integration of tubes, temperature resistance of the leading edge materials)
  - Electro-thermal heating (directly glued to the outer skin, induce blockage in the micro-perforated TI-Skin)
- Investigation of a „decoupled“ WIPS
  - Less influence on material selection
  - Less blockage
  - Inductive heating
  - Low maturity of technology
    - Feasibility test should show the potential of inductive heating

# Key technologies: Inductive heating

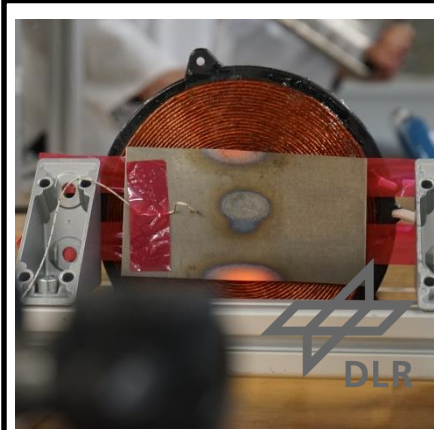
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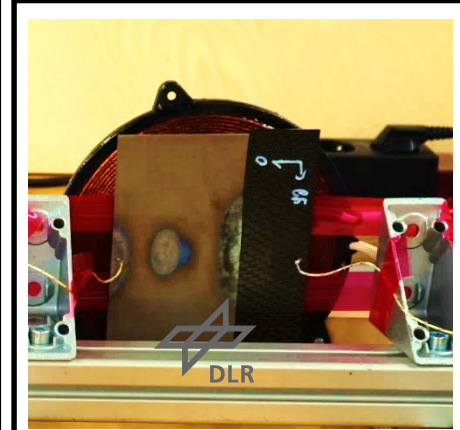
Simple “cooktop style”  
pancake coil



Insignificant  
energy take-up



Significant heat up with  
high temp gradients



Direct comparison

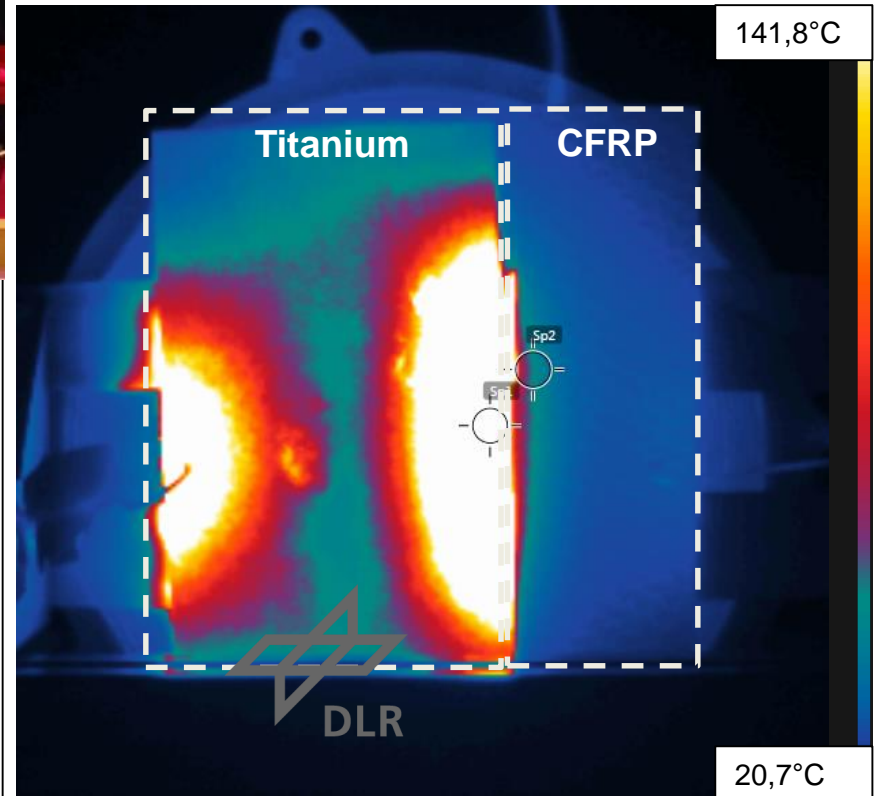
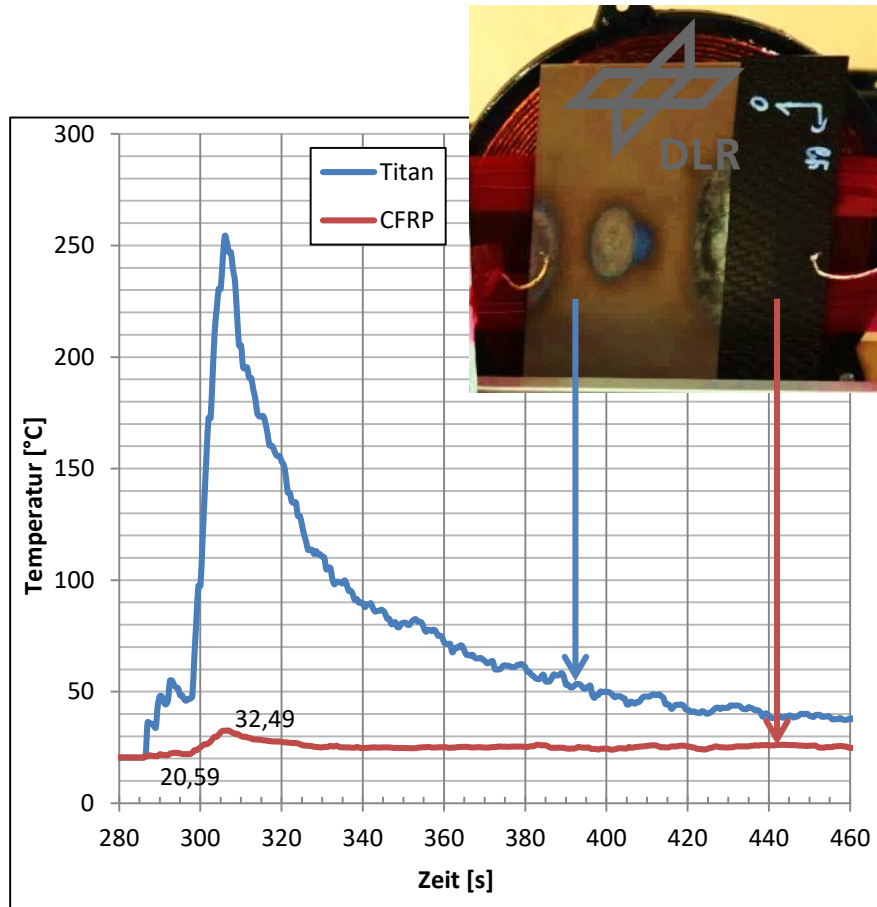
## Used parameters:

- 200 V amplitude excitation
- Frequency approx. 23 kHz



# Key technologies: Inductive heating

- A second step:
  - Check heating of different LE materials at the same time

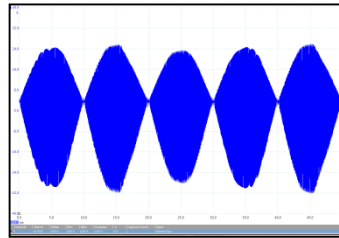


# Key technologies: Inductive heating

Induction Heating (10mm Distance; 10s)

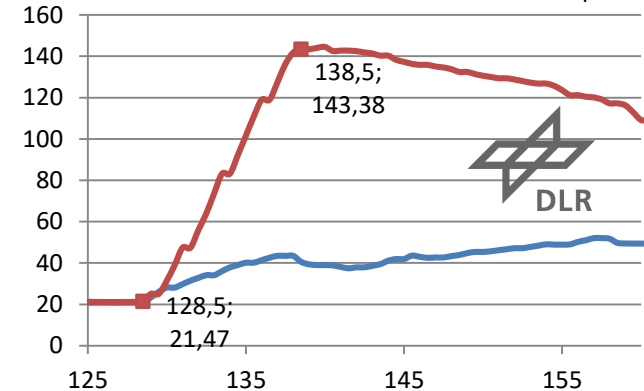


Measuring eff. ACRMS – 13,8 A

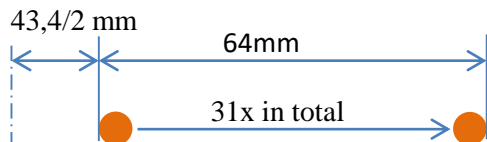


Excitation in Coil ACRMS – 13,8 A

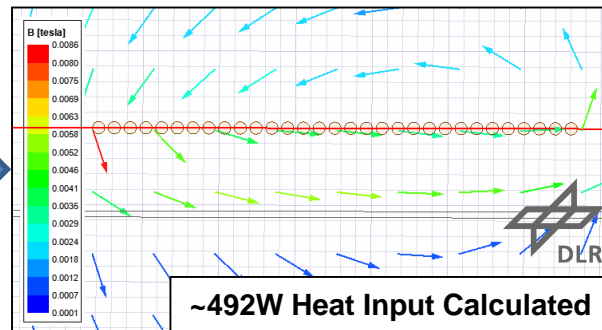
Measuring Temperatures — Cold-Spot  
Hot-Spot



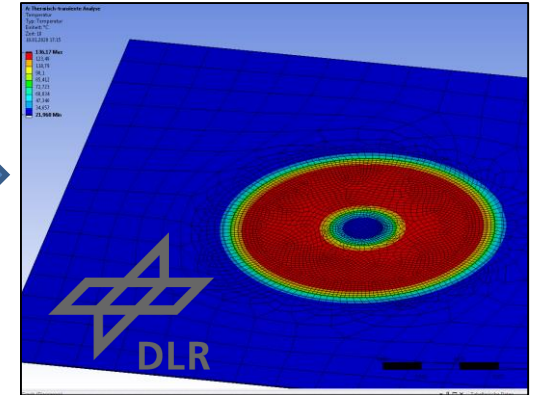
138,5°C via TC – 136,17°C via Simulation ✓



Model of the Test Setup



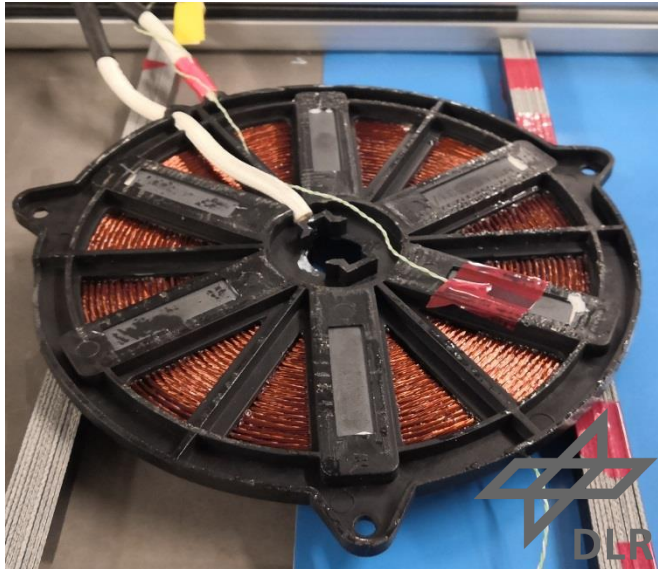
Solving Maxwell Equations for Eddy Current Heating with measured Input (ACRMS) (Ansys Maxwell 19.2)



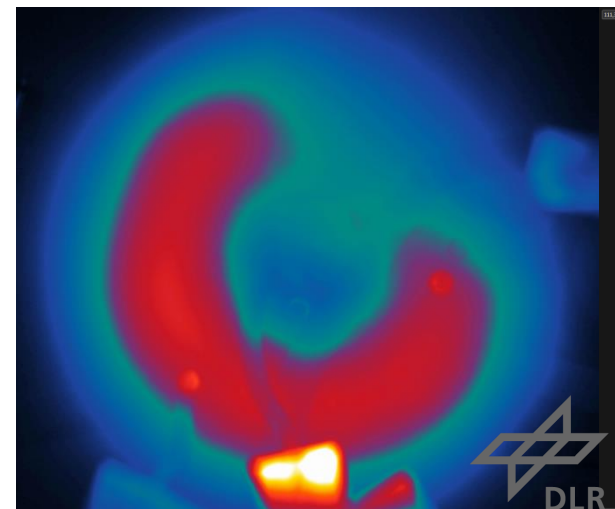
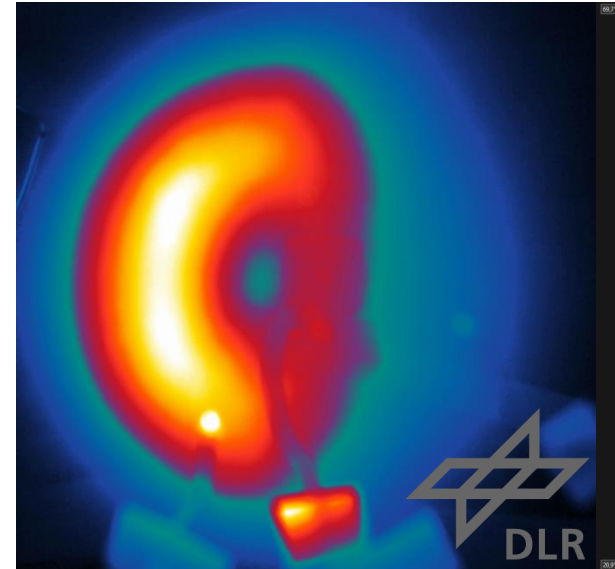
Transient thermal heat Analysis in Ansys WB 19.2 – calc. Hot-Spot Temperature

# Key technologies: Inductive heating

Shielding the half- and a quarter of the Coil with 2x35 $\mu$ m Copper



IR-Picture of Heating Process





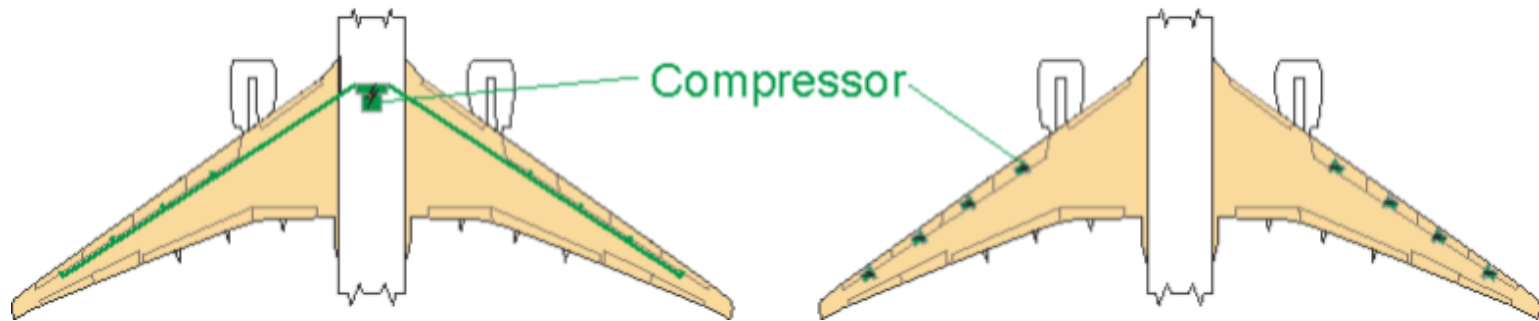
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## ■ Summary

- Inductive heating seems suitable for the chosen material combination
  - Blockage can be avoided
  - Additional shielding is possible to avoid heating of other components
- > Results are presented to industrial partners
- > Inductive heating was selected as WIPS system
- > Industrial partners will further address important design challenges



# Key technologies: Tubeless suction system

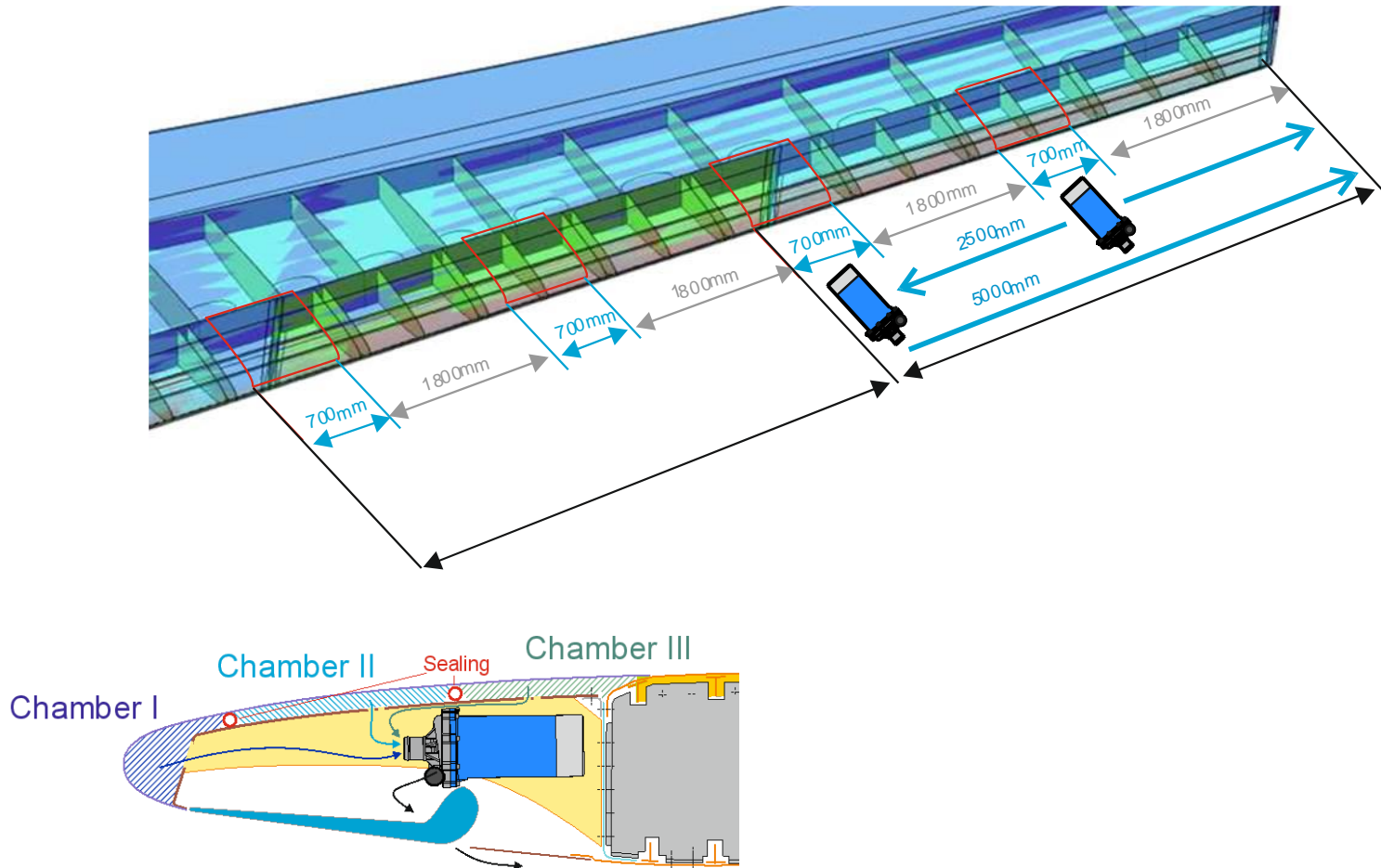


- Vacuum transport require very thick tubes in order to avoid losses
  - Space allocation issues in earlier projects
- Distributed compressors to enable tubeless suction system



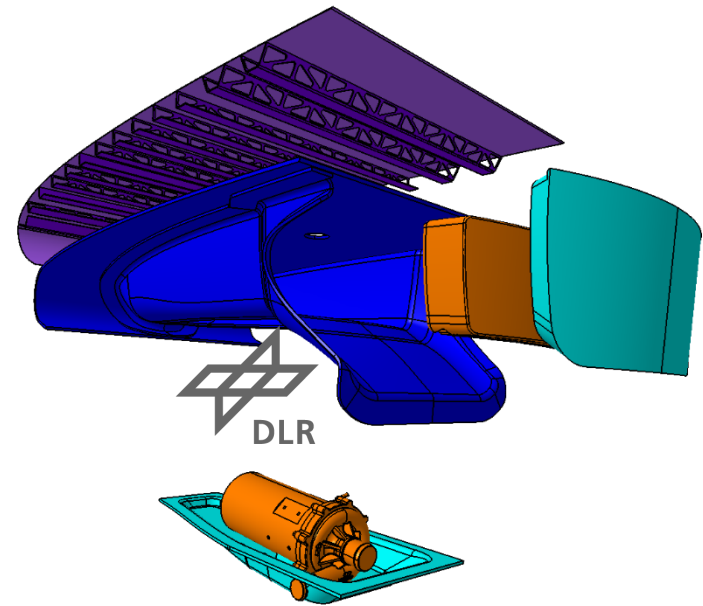
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- Tubeless suction system -> design idea

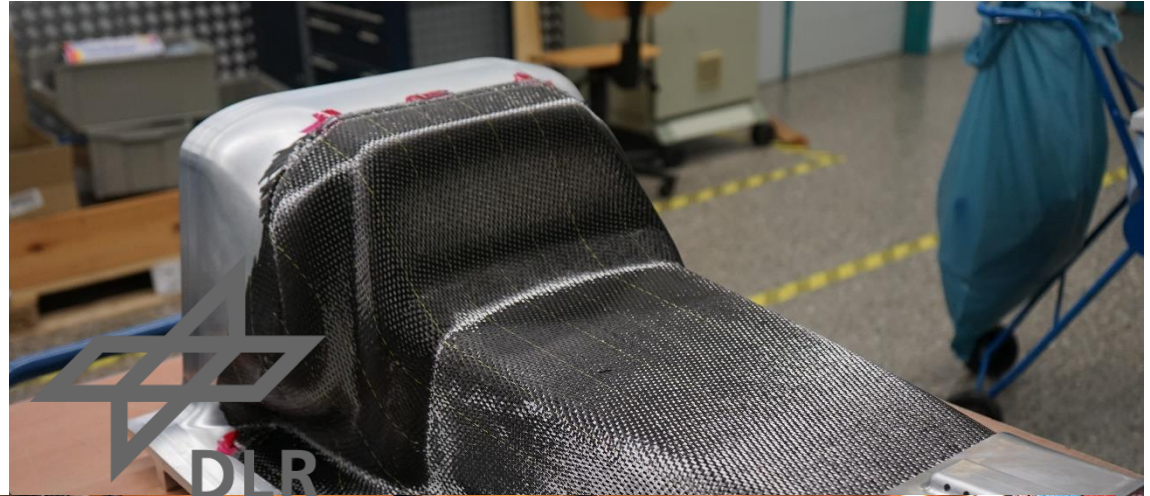


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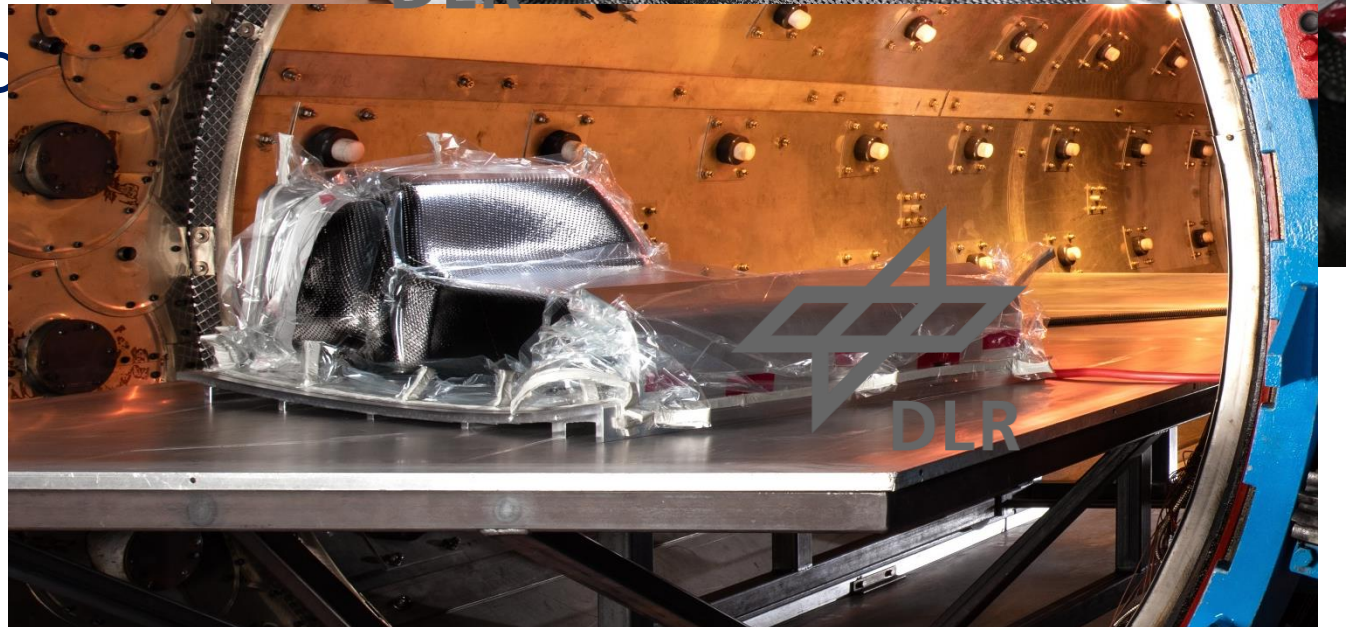
- Suction rib is connected to the chambers
- Cable Routings, Krüger panel and pump integration require a complex shaped rib
- Lightweight suction rib -> manufacturing feasibility is under investigation



- Pre-form tests



- Vacuum o



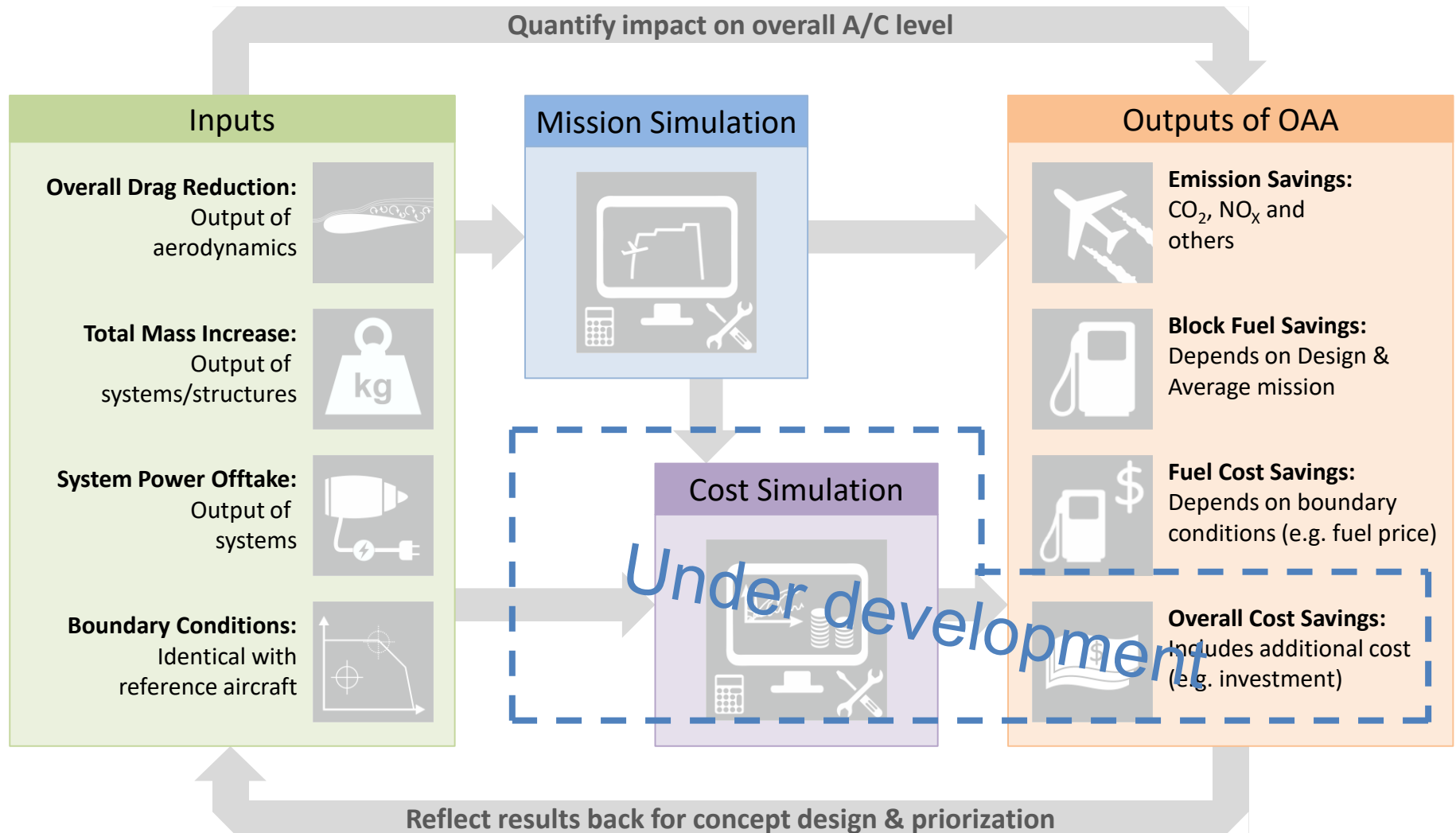


# Key technologies: Tubeless suction system

- Summary:
  - Lightweight compliant multifunctional rib designed
  - Pre-form test and optimization done
  - Compression test started
- Next steps:
  - Infusion tests
  - Manufacturing trials
  - Cost assessment



# Key Technologies: Aircraft Assessment





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HLFC-WIN



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Estimation of Fuel (and Economic) Efficiency



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## Main Inputs

Parameter	Unit	enter below or use slider	Value used
Drag savings	[%]	3,50% < >	3,50%
Mass	[kg]	500 < >	500
Power	[kW]	83 < >	83
Range	[NM]	5400 < >	5400
Payload	[kg]	31500 < >	31500

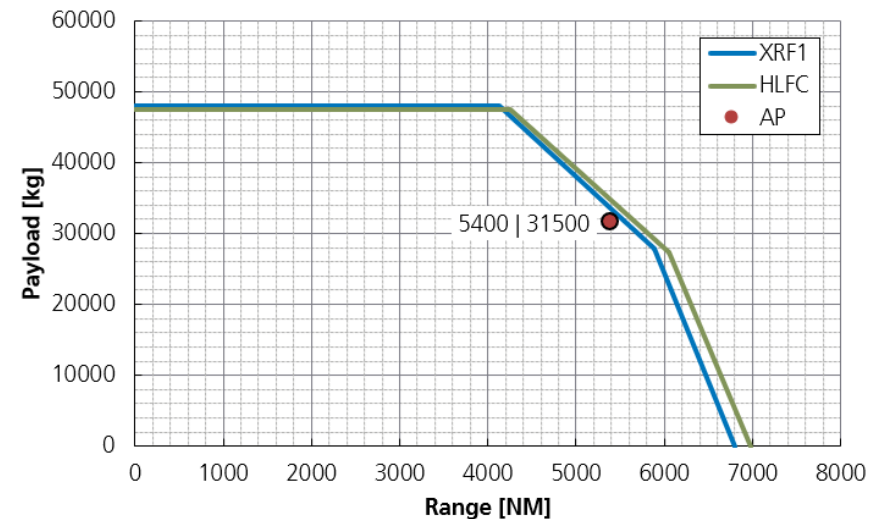
## Assumptions

Parameter	Unit	enter below or use slider	Value used
Motor Eff.	[%]	80% < >	80%
Compr. Eff.	[%]	80% < >	80%
IDG Eff.	[%]	85% < >	85%
Total Eff.	[%]		54%
Power Req.	[kW]		153
SFCper100kW	[%]	< >	0,53%
SFC Increase	[%]		0,81%

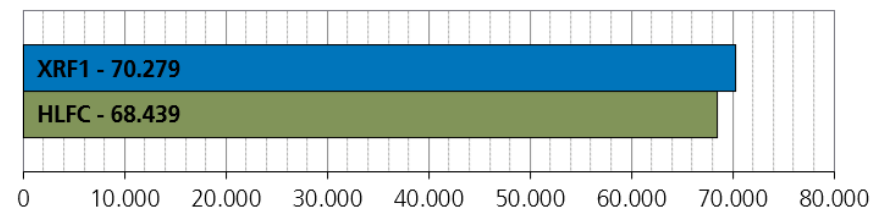
## Operational Efficiency Results

	Delta (abs)	Delta (rel)	XRF1	HLFC
Block Fuel	[kg]	-1.840	-2,7%	
Block Time	[min]			
CO2 Emissions	[kg]			
Nox Emissions	[kg]			
CO Emissions	[kg]			
HC Emissions	[kg]			

## Payload Range Diagram



## Block Fuel



# Key Technologies: Aircraft Assessment

## ■ Summary:

### – Actual Case:

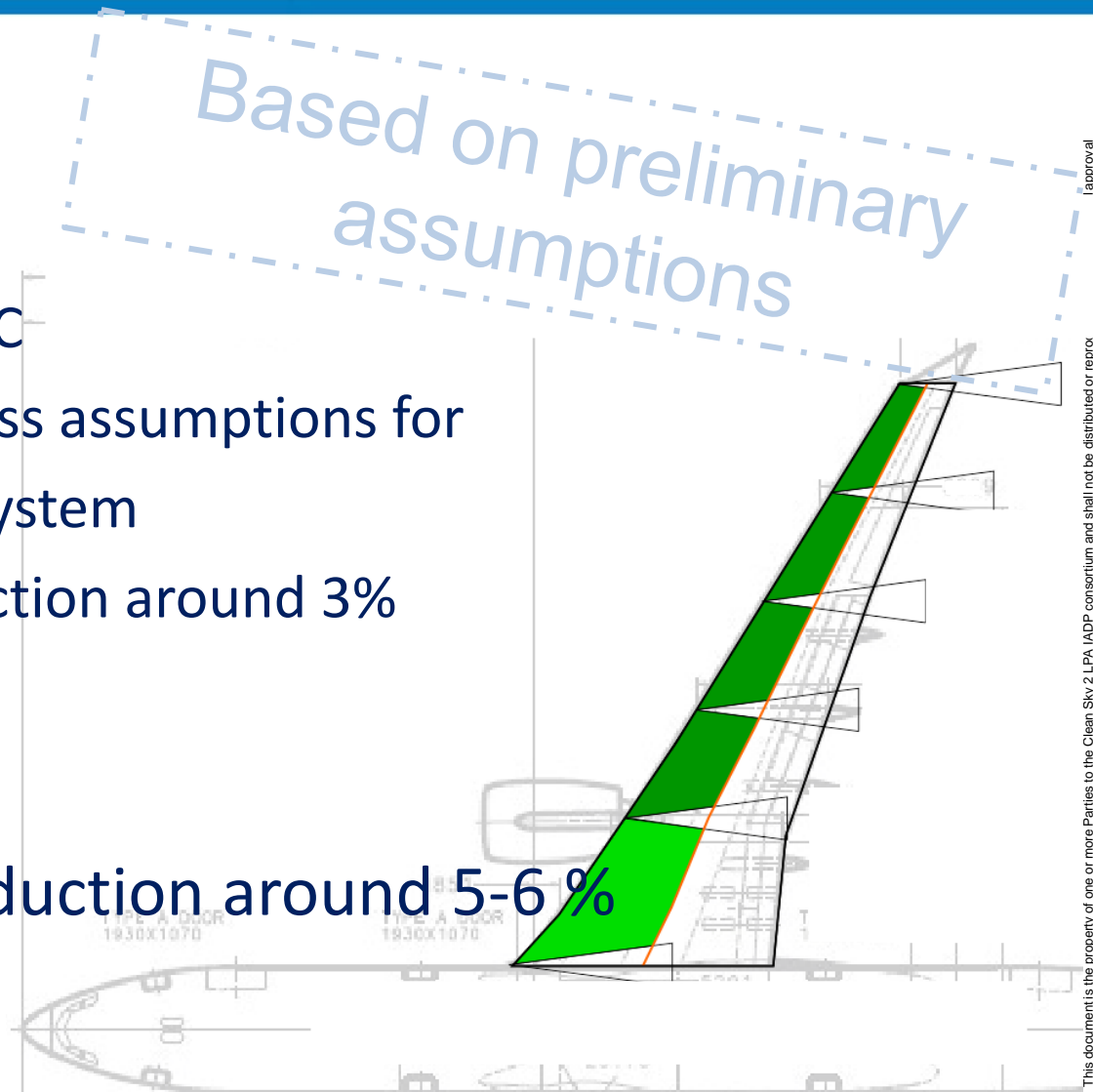
- Outer Wing HLFC
- 4 Segments, Mass assumptions for additional HLFC-System

→ Block fuel reduction around 3%

### – Envisaged Case

- Full wing HLFC

→ Block fuel reduction around 5-6 %





# Next steps

- Integration of all elements in the DMU, space allocation check
- Small scale demonstrators to prove feasibility of different concepts
  - Suction tests
  - Water uptake
  - Manufacturing trials
  - ...
- TRL 3 review and global concept approval



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